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DOWNTOWN RETAIL SALES IN BANGOR'S METROPOLITAN AREA STRONGEST IN MAINE, CENSUS BUREAU REPORTS

BANGOR'S CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT IN 1982 HAD THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL METROPOLITAN AREA RETAIL SALES OF ANY SUCH "DOWNTOWN" AREA IN MAINE, ACCORDING TO A CENSUS OF RETAIL TRADE REPORT ON MAJOR RETAIL CENTERS RELEASED BY THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT'S CENSUS BUREAU. RETAIL SALES IN BANGOR'S CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT WERE $60 MILLION, 12 PERCENT OF THE BANGOR METROPOLITAN TOTAL. THE REPORT SHOWS DATA FOR THE STATES FOUR DEFINED CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS AND FOUR OTHER MAJOR SHOPPING CENTERS IN THE STATE'S METROPOLITAN AREAS.

DOWNTOWN RETAIL SALES FOR PRIMARY CITIES AS A PERCENT OF THEIR METROPOLITAN AREA TOTALS WERE EIGHT PERCENT IN THE LEWISTON-AUBURN AREA AND SIX PERCENT IN THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA. RETAIL SALES FIGURES FOR 1982 AND 1977 FOR MAINE'S METROPOLITAN AREAS, THEIR CITIES, AND CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS ARE PRESENTED IN THE TABLE ON PAGE TWO. DATA ARE BASED ON CURRENT DOLLARS FOR THE YEARS SPECIFIED AND HAVE NOT BEEN ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION.

THIS IS THE EIGHTH IN A SERIES OF REPORTS SINCE 1948 ON MAJOR RETAIL CENTERS THAT TRACE THE MOVEMENT OF RETAIL BUSINESS FROM MOST DOWNTOWN AREAS TO OUTLYING SHOPPING CENTERS, PARTICULARLY SUBURBAN CENTERS. COPIES OF THE REPORT, 1982 CENSUS OF RETAIL TRADE, MAJOR RETAIL CENTERS, MAINE, RC82-C-20 ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS, U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20402. REPORTS ALSO ARE AVAILABLE ON MICROFICHE. ORDER FORMS FOR THIS REPORT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE MAINE DEPATMENT OF LABOR, DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH, CENSUS DATA CENTER PROGRAM, 20 UNION STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330.

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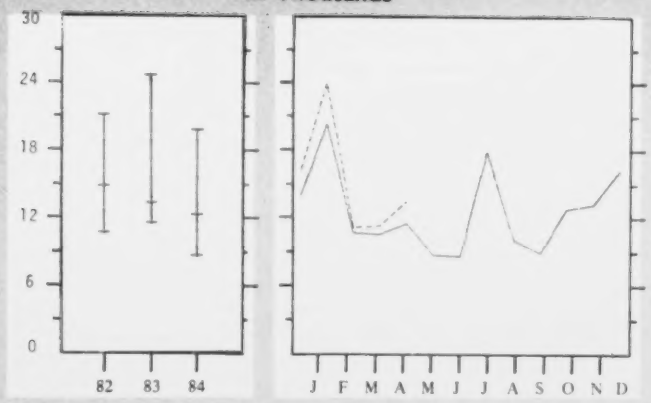
in Thousands



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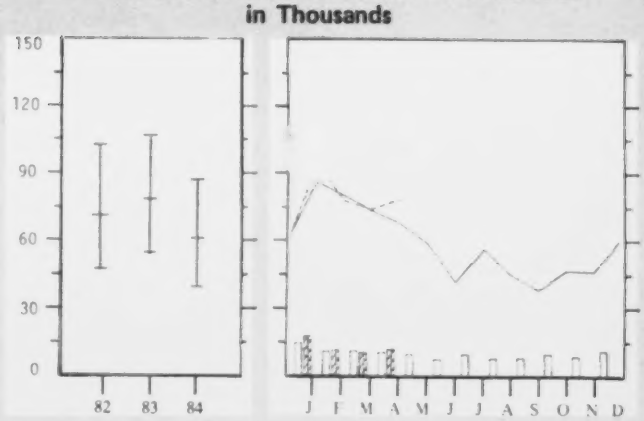


1982 CENSUS OF RETAIL TRADE

RETAIL SALES IN MAINE'S METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS, THEIR CITIES, AND CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS 1/

AREA	SALES 1982 (IN THOUSANDS)	SALES 1977 (IN THOUSANDS)	PERCENT CHANGE 1977 TO 1982
PORTLAND MSA	$1,373,490	$821,517	67.2%
CITY (PORTLAND)	447,710	302,050	48.2
CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT	83,994	48,031 2/	74.9
BANGOR MSA	519,505	(NA)	(NA)
CITY (BANGOR)	360,139	252,390	42.7
CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT	60,111	(NA)	(NA)
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA	403,521	302,427	33.4
CITY (LEWISTON)	196,135	168,812	16.2
CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT	30,666	34,056 2/	-10.0
CITY (AUBURN)	185,744	118,522	56.7
CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT	33,020	20,834 2/	58.5

1/ U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., FEBRUARY 1985.

2/ FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE SALES FOR NONSTORE RETAILERS SUCH AS MAIL ORDER HOUSES, AUTOMATIC MERCHANDISING MACHINE OPERATORS AND DIRECT SELLING ESTABLISHMENTS.

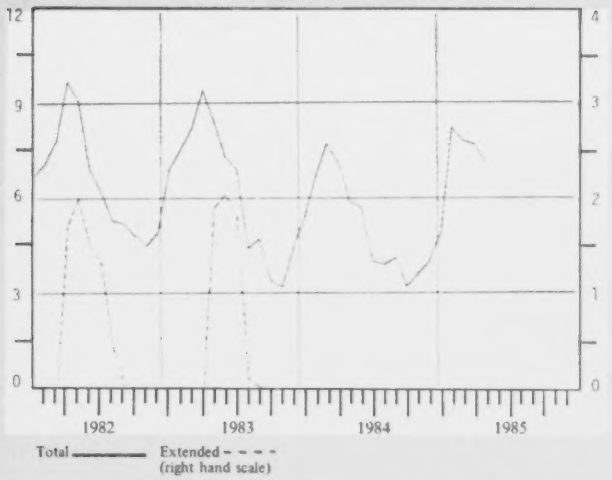
NA - NOT AVAILABLE

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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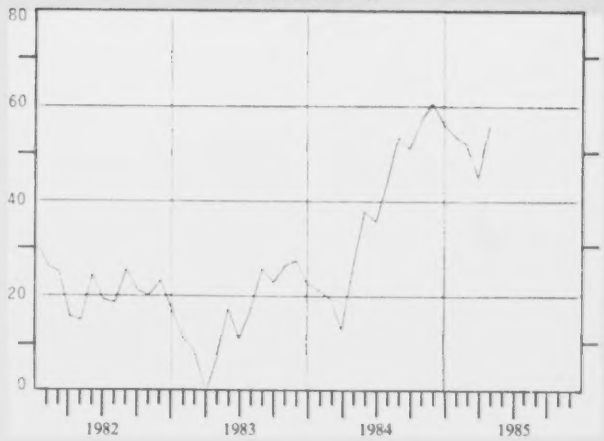
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	443.3	437.5	434.1	103.6	103.0	99.0	36.2	35.6	36.7
Total Manufacturing	104.5	106.0	109.1	16.2	16.4	16.0	10.5	10.2	11.7
Durable Goods	42.9	44.4	42.3	8.2	8.1	7.5	2.5	2.4	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	11.9	13.1	12.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.8	3.8	3.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.6
Machinery, except Electrical	4.1	4.1	4.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	9.7	10.1	9.0	3.3	3.3	3.1	0.9	0.9	0.9
Transportation Equipment	9.9	9.9	9.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.1	*	*
Other Durable Goods 3/	3.5	3.4	3.3	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	61.6	61.6	66.8	8.0	8.3	8.5	8.0	7.8	9.5
Food and Kindred Products	8.4	8.4	7.4	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.7	0.7	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.7	6.9	7.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.4	1.5	1.6
Apparel	4.2	4.2	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	17.7	18.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.7	0.7	0.8
Printing and Publishing	4.6	4.6	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.5	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.2	4.1	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.7	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	14.7	14.7	19.3	1.7	1.6	1.8	2.7	2.6	3.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	12.1	12.1	16.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.1	2.0	3.1
Other Leather Products	2.6	2.6	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.1	1.0	1.1	4.4	4.8	4.8	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	338.8	331.5	325.0	87.4	86.6	83.0	25.7	25.4	25.0
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.1	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Construction	18.6	16.0	17.8	5.4	4.9	4.6	1.4	1.3	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.2	19.1	18.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	1.4	1.3	1.4
Wholesale Trade	20.3	20.2	19.6	7.8	7.8	7.5	2.0	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	80.9	78.3	76.5	21.0	21.0	20.3	6.4	6.3	6.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	20.4	20.4	19.2	9.2	9.1	8.6	1.8	1.8	1.7
Services	92.1	89.9	87.4	23.6	23.3	22.3	9.1	9.1	8.8
Government	87.1	87.4	85.8	14.8	14.9	14.2	3.6	3.6	3.5
Federal	18.2	18.3	18.3	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	68.9	69.1	67.5	13.2	13.3	12.7	3.3	3.3	3.2
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are inlcuded in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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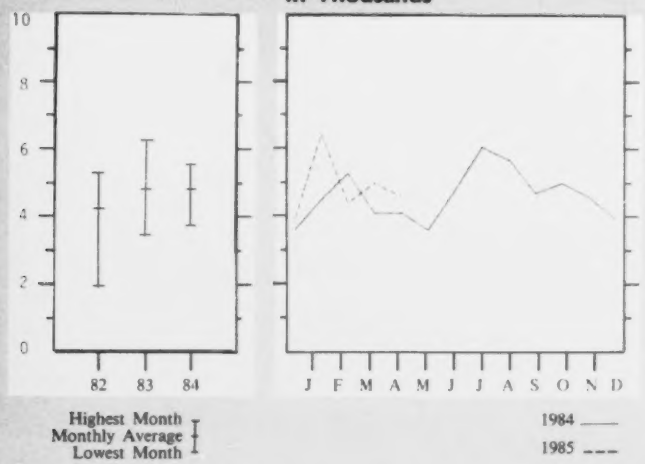
New Applications For Work

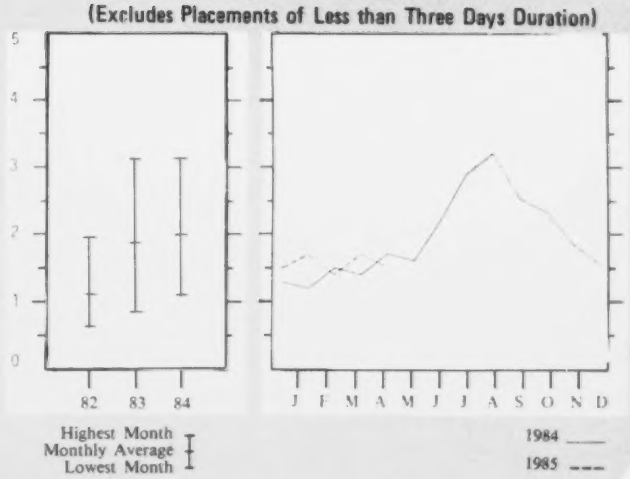
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1984	1983	1982
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$330.66	$333.48	$315.57	39.6	39.7	40.2	$ 8.35	$ 8.40	$ 7.85	$ 8.05	$ 7.61	$ 7.22
Durable Goods	335.07	341.65	327.22	39.7	40.1	40.8	8.44	8.52	8.02	8.22	8.04	7.59
Lumber and Wood Products	291.05	309.62	287.34	40.2	39.9	40.7	7.24	7.76	7.06	7.57	7.37	6.87
Primary and Fabricated Metals	332.88	334.14	319.56	40.3	40.6	40.4	8.26	8.23	7.91	7.89	7.75	7.62
Machinery, except Electrical	366.02	375.95	354.06	40.4	42.1	41.9	9.06	8.93	8.45	8.36	8.08	7.52
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	280.86	285.67	303.14	37.2	38.5	41.3	7.55	7.42	7.34	7.56	7.27	6.74
Other Durable Goods	405.59	409.25	382.18	40.6	40.6	40.4	9.99	10.08	9.46	9.51	9.31	8.84
Nondurable Goods	327.85	327.41	308.45	39.5	39.4	39.8	8.30	8.31	7.75	7.95	7.37	7.00
Food and Kindred Products	220.32	213.10	235.14	34.0	32.8	36.4	6.48	6.68	6.46	6.46	6.10	5.84
Textile Mill Products	272.12	280.69	258.16	41.8	42.4	42.6	6.51	6.62	6.06	6.13	5.87	5.49
Apparel	194.44	199.08	201.60	32.9	33.8	35.0	5.91	5.89	5.76	5.55	5.39	5.23
Paper and Allied Products	542.85	536.69	508.50	45.2	45.1	45.2	12.01	11.90	11.25	11.62	10.95	10.10
Leather and Leather Products	219.23	216.71	214.18	36.6	36.3	36.8	5.99	5.97	5.82	5.80	5.59	5.46
Other Nondurable Goods	292.47	294.45	273.29	39.1	39.0	38.6	7.48	7.55	7.08	7.11	6.60	6.23
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	319.29	342.34	311.62	37.3	39.9	39.9	8.56	8.58	7.81	7.96	7.67	7.19
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	259.99	255.98	247.15	37.9	37.7	38.2	6.86	6.79	6.47	6.58	6.16	5.96

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	239.7	238.0	227.3
Unemployed	14.6	15.5	14.7
(Percent)	6.1%	6.5%	6.4%
Resident Employed	225.1	222.5	212.7

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	320.1	318.8	308.8	315.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.4%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.5%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.7%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	555.2	547.6	538.3	519.2	509.9	502.1	36.0	37.7	36.2	6.5	6.9	6.7
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	48,600	47,600	45,900	46,100	45,000	43,400	2,500	2,600	2,500	5.1	5.5	5.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	43,000	42,700	42,300	39,800	39,200	39,500	3,200	3,500	2,800	7.4	8.2	6.6
Portland MSA	107,000	106,300	100,700	103,300	102,300	96,600	3,700	4,000	4,100	3.5	3.8	4.1
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	104,340	101,260	n/a	98,700	96,000	n/a	5,640	5,260	n/a	5.4	5.2	n/a
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	31,460	31,490	31,210	29,710	29,310	29,250	1,750	2,180	1,960	5.6	6.9	6.3
Bath-Brunswick	25,550	25,460	26,230	24,520	24,240	24,930	1,030	1,220	1,300	4.0	4.8	5.0
Belfast	11,130	11,010	10,850	9,750	9,400	9,560	1,380	1,610	1,290	12.4	14.6	11.9
Biddeford	24,500	23,950	23,050	23,040	22,580	21,690	1,460	1,370	1,360	6.0	5.7	5.9
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	8,350	7,830	8,610	7,830	7,190	7,960	520	640	650	6.2	8.2	7.5
Calais-Eastport	15,410	15,000	15,260	13,740	13,510	13,510	1,670	1,490	1,750	10.8	9.9	11.5
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,730	21,760	21,380	19,700	19,400	18,880	2,030	2,360	2,500	9.3	10.8	11.7
Central Penobscot	4,280	4,240	3,930	3,970	3,950	3,680	310	290	250	7.2	6.8	6.4
Dover-Foxcroft	6,800	6,740	6,710	6,290	6,300	6,190	510	440	520	7.5	6.5	7.7
Ellsworth	21,590	21,010	20,980	19,950	19,200	19,280	1,640	1,810	1,700	7.6	8.6	8.1
Farmington	12,980	12,910	13,640	11,620	11,740	12,520	1,360	1,170	1,120	10.5	9.1	8.2
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,690	5,680	5,160	4,800	4,990	4,360	890	690	800	15.6	12.1	15.5
Greenville	1,400	1,580	1,330	1,180	1,430	1,220	220	150	110	15.7	9.5	8.3
Houlton	5,560	5,270	5,230	5,000	4,810	4,760	560	460	470	10.1	8.7	9.0
Kittery-York 3/	23,790	22,680	22,150	23,330	22,030	21,620	460	650	530	1.9	2.9	2.4
Lincoln-Howland	6,380	6,210	5,950	5,830	5,770	5,540	550	440	410	8.6	7.1	6.9
Livermore Falls	3,470	3,450	3,550	3,030	3,020	3,170	440	430	380	12.7	12.5	10.7
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,380	4,220	4,380	3,940	3,750	3,880	440	470	500	10.0	11.1	11.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,650	5,500	5,420	5,370	5,230	5,150	280	270	270	5.0	4.9	5.0
Norway-Paris	9,140	9,040	8,980	8,390	8,210	8,070	750	830	910	8.2	9.2	10.1
Patten-Island Falls	2,590	2,530	2,430	2,290	2,350	2,170	300	180	260	11.6	7.1	10.7
Rockland	18,630	18,530	18,570	17,540	17,210	17,220	1,090	1,320	1,350	5.9	7.1	7.3
Rumford	10,000	10,060	9,830	9,000	9,150	9,010	1,000	910	820	10.0	9.0	8.3
Sanford	13,570	13,490	12,920	12,520	12,390	12,110	1,050	1,100	810	7.7	8.2	6.3
Sebago Lakes Region	9,450	8,990	9,110	8,970	8,460	8,640	480	530	470	5.1	5.9	5.2
Skowhegan	21,870	21,370	21,620	19,650	19,300	19,550	2,220	2,070	2,070	10.2	9.7	9.6
Southwest Penobscot	8,770	8,660	8,640	7,820	7,630	7,690	950	1,030	950	10.8	11.9	11.0
Waterville	22,650	22,530	22,270	21,260	21,000	20,950	1,390	1,530	1,320	6.1	6.8	5.9
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,679.9	1,629.1	n/a	1,599.5	1,559.2	n/a	80.4	69.8	n/a	4.8	4.3
Massachusetts	3,047.0	3,037.0	3,036.2	2,934.0	2,895.0	2,883.0	113.0	142.0	153.2	3.7	4.7	5.0
New Hampshire	525.9	520.7	506.8	497.6	493.8	484.2	28.2	26.9	22.7	5.4	5.2	4.5
Rhode Island	491.2	490.1	479.6	464.8	461.8	447.9	26.4	28.3	31.8	5.4	5.8	6.6
Vermont	271.4	272.5	264.3	255.9	257.3	244.7	15.5	15.2	19.6	5.7	5.6	7.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,000.2	5,916.1	n/a	5,707.4	5,619.0	n/a	292.8	297.1	n/a	4.9	5.0
UNITED STATES 4/	114,325	114,394	112,152	106,175	105,768	103,628	8,150	8,625	8,525	7.1	7.5	7.6

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	15,225	16,405	13,704	1,542	1,640	1,458	1,360	1,599	1,015
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.6	3.9	3.3	1.8	1.9	1.7	4.0	4.7	3.0

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	7.0	7.0	8.6
Clerical and Sales	15.3	14.3	17.6
Service	9.2	10.2	10.5
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	4.7	3.0	3.0
Processing	3.5	3.8	3.6
Machine Trades	12.5	12.4	11.5
Benchwork	13.5	11.2	9.3
Structural Work	18.8	21.6	20.3
Miscellaneous	15.5	16.5	15.6

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	59.7	60.4	56.9
Under 22	6.3	6.4	6.4
22-24	11.0	11.7	10.4
25-34	31.5	31.5	29.8
35-39	10.9	10.8	10.3
Total 40 and Over	40.3	39.6	43.1
40-44	8.2	7.9	8.0
45-54	12.5	12.2	12.7
55-64	9.9	9.8	9.8
65 and Over	9.7	9.7	12.6

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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